
ENGROSSED SUBSTITUTE SENATE BILL 5010

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By Senate Committee on Ways & Means (originally sponsored by Senators Honeyford and Hewitt)

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1 AN ACT Relating to creating a state park foster home pass; and
2 amending RCW 79A.05.065.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF WASHINGTON:

4 **Sec. 1.** RCW 79A.05.065 and 2007 c 441 s 1 are each amended to read
5 as follows:

6 (1)(a) The commission shall grant to any person who meets the
7 eligibility requirements specified in this section a senior citizen's
8 pass which shall: (i) Entitle such a person, and members of his or her
9 camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee
10 prescribed by the commission((7)); and (ii) entitle such a person to
11 free admission to any state park.

12 (b) The commission shall grant a senior citizen's pass to any
13 person who applies for the ~~((same))~~ senior citizen's pass and who meets
14 the following requirements:

15 (i) The person is at least sixty-two years of age; ~~((and))~~

16 (ii) The person is a domiciliary of the state of Washington and
17 meets reasonable residency requirements prescribed by the commission;
18 and

1 (iii) The person and his or her spouse have a combined income
2 (~~which~~) that would qualify the person for a property tax exemption
3 pursuant to RCW 84.36.381. The financial eligibility requirements of
4 this subsection (1)(b)(iii) (~~shall~~) apply regardless of whether the
5 applicant for a senior citizen's pass owns taxable property or has
6 obtained or applied for such property tax exemption.

7 (c) Each senior citizen's pass granted pursuant to this section is
8 valid (~~so~~) as long as the senior citizen meets the requirements of
9 (b)(ii) of this subsection. (~~Notwithstanding, any~~) A senior citizen
10 meeting the eligibility requirements of this section may make a
11 voluntary donation for the upkeep and maintenance of state parks.

12 (d) A holder of a senior citizen's pass shall surrender the pass
13 upon request of a commission employee when the employee has reason to
14 believe the holder fails to meet the criteria in (b) of this
15 subsection. The holder shall have the pass returned upon providing
16 proof to the satisfaction of the director (~~of the parks and recreation~~
17 ~~commission~~) that the holder (~~does~~) meets the eligibility criteria
18 for obtaining the senior citizen's pass.

19 (2)(a) Any resident of Washington who is disabled as defined by the
20 social security administration and who receives social security
21 benefits for that disability, or any other benefits for that disability
22 from any other governmental or nongovernmental source, or who is
23 entitled to benefits for permanent disability under RCW 71A.10.020(3)
24 due to unemployability full time at the minimum wage, or who is legally
25 blind or profoundly deaf, or who has been issued a card, decal, or
26 special license plate for a permanent disability under RCW 46.16.381
27 shall be entitled to receive, regardless of age and upon making
28 application therefor, a disability pass at no cost to the holder. The
29 pass shall: (i) Entitle such a person, and members of his or her
30 camping unit, to a fifty percent reduction in the campsite rental fee
31 prescribed by the commission(~~τ~~); and (ii) entitle such a person to
32 free admission to any state park.

33 (b) A card, decal, or special license plate issued for a permanent
34 disability under RCW 46.16.381 may serve as a pass for the holder to
35 entitle that person and members of the person's camping unit to a fifty
36 percent reduction in the campsite rental fee prescribed by the
37 commission, and to allow the holder free admission to state parks.

1 (3) Any resident of Washington who is a veteran and has a service-
2 connected disability of at least thirty percent shall be entitled to
3 receive a lifetime veteran's disability pass at no cost to the holder.
4 The pass shall: (a) Entitle such a person, and members of his or her
5 camping unit, to free use of any campsite within any state park; (b)
6 entitle such a person to free admission to any state park; and (c)
7 entitle such a person to an exemption from any reservation fees.

8 (4)(a) Any Washington state resident who provides out-of-home care
9 to a child, as either a licensed foster-family home or a person related
10 to the child, is entitled to a foster home pass.

11 (b) An applicant for a foster home pass must request a pass in the
12 manner required by the commission. Upon receipt of a properly
13 submitted request, the commission shall verify with the department of
14 social and health services that the applicant qualifies under (a) of
15 this subsection. Once issued, a foster home pass is valid for the
16 period, which may not be less than one year, designated by the
17 commission.

18 (c) When accompanied by a child receiving out-of-home care from the
19 pass holder, a foster home pass: (i) Entitles such a person, and
20 members of his or her camping unit, to free use of any campsite within
21 any state park; and (ii) entitles such a person to free admission to
22 any state park.

23 (d) For the purposes of this subsection (4):

24 (i) "Out-of-home care" means placement in a foster-family home or
25 with a person related to the child under the authority of chapter
26 13.32A, 13.34, or 74.13 RCW;

27 (ii) "Foster-family home" has the same meaning as defined in RCW
28 74.15.020; and

29 (iii) "Person related to the child" means those persons referred to
30 in RCW 74.15.020(2)(a) (i) through (vi).

31 (5) All passes issued pursuant to this section (~~shall be~~) are
32 valid at all parks any time during the year. However, the pass
33 (~~shall~~) is not (~~be~~) valid for admission to concessionaire operated
34 facilities.

35 (~~(5)~~) (6) The commission shall negotiate payment and costs, to
36 allow holders of a foster home pass free access and usage of park
37 campsites, with the following nonoperated, nonstate-owned parks:

1 Central Ferry, Chief Timothy, Crow Butte, and Lyons Ferry. The
2 commission shall seek state general fund reimbursement on a biennial
3 basis.

4 (7) The commission may deny or revoke any Washington state park
5 pass issued under this section for cause, including but not limited to
6 the following:

7 (a) Residency outside the state of Washington;

8 (b) Violation of laws or state park rules resulting in eviction
9 from a state park;

10 (c) Intimidating, obstructing, or assaulting a park employee or
11 park volunteer who is engaged in the performance of official duties;

12 (d) Fraudulent use of a pass;

13 (e) Providing false information or documentation in the application
14 for a state parks pass;

15 (f) Refusing to display or show the pass to park employees when
16 requested; or

17 (g) Failing to provide current eligibility information upon request
18 by the agency or when eligibility ceases or changes.

19 ~~((6))~~ (8) This section shall not affect or otherwise impair the
20 power of the commission to continue or discontinue any other programs
21 it has adopted for senior citizens.

22 ~~((7))~~ (9) The commission may engage in a mutually agreed upon
23 reciprocal or discounted program for all or specific pass programs with
24 other outdoor recreation agencies.

25 ~~((8))~~ (10) The commission shall adopt ~~((such))~~ those rules as it
26 finds appropriate for the administration of this section. Among other
27 things, ~~((such))~~ the rules shall prescribe a definition of "camping
28 unit" which will authorize a reasonable number of persons traveling
29 with the person having a pass to stay at the campsite rented by such a
30 person, a minimum Washington residency requirement for applicants for
31 a senior citizen's pass, and an application form to be completed by
32 applicants for a senior citizen's pass.

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